consumption need of the growing population, National Development Council (NDC) under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister in its 53rd meeting adopted a resolution to launch a Food Security Mission to enhance the production of foodgrains by 20 million tonnes i.e. 10 million tonnes of rice, 8 million tonnes of wheat and 2 million tonnes of pulses by the end of 11th Plan (2011-12).

To operationalize this resolution, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme "National Food Security Mission (NFSM)" has been launched in 305 identified districts of 16 States focusing on Rice, Wheat and Pulses with an aim to achieve additional production of 10 million tonnes of Rice, 8 million tonnes of Wheat and 2 million tonnes of Pulses. The Oilseeds and Milk production are not covered under the National Food Security Mission (NFSM).

Aims and objectives of NFSM

45. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of the National Food Security Mission;

(b) to what extent the NFSM helps to make the country self-sufficient in foodgrain production;

(c) the details of components of the NFSM; and

(d) the details of districts identified in the State of Andhra Pradesh to implement NFSM-rice and NFSM-pulses programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) The Centrally Sponsored Scheme National Food Security Mission (NFSM) has been launched with the objectives to increase the production of rice, wheat and pulses in the identified district of the country by 10, 8 and 2 million tonnes, respectively by the end of Eleventh Plan (2011-12) so as to achieve self-sufficiency in foodgrains production.

(c) National Food Security Mission (NFSM) has three components *viz.* National Food Security Mission-Rice (NFSM-Rice), National Food Security Mission-Wheat (NFSM-Wheat) and National Food Security Mission-Pulses (NFSM-Pulses). The interventions included under NFSM are demonstrations on improved production technologies; distribution of quality seeds of high yielding varieties & hybrids; popularization of newly released varieties through seed minikits; support for micro-nutrients, gypsum, zero tillage, rotavators, conoweeders and other farm implements, integrated pest management, integrated nutrient management; water lifting and moisture saving device; training and mass media campaign including award for best performing districts etc. Besides, the pilot projects on community generators, management of blue bulls and demonstrations of International Crop Research Institute for Semi Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) technologies are also included. The identified districts are given flexibility to adopt the area specific technological interventions suited to their local conditions.

(d) In Andhra Pradesh 11 districts *viz.* Adilabad, Guntur, Khammam, Krishna, Mahaboobnagar, Medak, Nalgonda, Nellore, Srikakulam, Visakhapatnam and Vizianagaram for NFSM-Rice and 14 districts *viz.* Adilabad, Anantpur, Cuddapah, East Godawari, Guntur, Khammam, Krishna, Kurnool, Mahaboobnagar, Nalgonda, Nizamabad, Prakasam, Srikakulam and Warangal for NFSM-Pulses have been identified.